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7 8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE
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11	JERRY D. SMITH, )
12	Petitioner, ) CASE NO. C06-898-RSM-MJB
13	v. )
14	WASHINGTON STATE ) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, )
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<ul><li>16</li><li>17</li></ul>	Respondent. )
18	Petitioner is currently incarcerated at the Monroe Correctional Center pursuant to a 2004 King
19	County Superior Court judgment and sentence. He has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under
20	28 U.S.C. § 2254 in which he asserts that the Washington Department of Corrections is holding Jerry
21	D. Smith in place of JERRY DEAN SMITH. Petitioner contends that Jerry D. Smith, whom he
22	identifies as the "secured party," is a "flesh and blood man," and that JERRY DEAN SMITH, whom
23	he identifies as the "debtor," is a corporate fiction. ( <i>Id.</i> ) Petitioner appears to claim that he is entitled
24	to release from custody because the party who is currently incarcerated is real, but the party who was
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20	convicted in King County Superior Court is a fiction. Petitioner's claim is frivolous.
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Section 2254(a) provides that the "district court shall entertain an application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." Petitioner does not allege that he is in custody in violation of the Constitution, nor does he offer any coherent argument demonstrating that he is in custody in violation of any laws or treaties of the United States.

Under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, a habeas corpus petition may be summarily dismissed if it plainly appears from the face of the petition and any attached exhibits that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court. Because petitioner's claims is frivolous, the Court should dismiss petitioner's federal habeas petition with prejudice. A proposed Order accompanies this Report and Recommendation.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2006.

MONICA J. BENTON

United States Magistrate Judge